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                 **Serial No.:**      10/724,656  
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/724,656 for "Solvent Based,  
Elastomeric Coatings with Lower VOC"  
Inventor(s): David J. St. Clair  
Filing Date: December 1, 2003  
Attorney Docket No.: W-0024

Dear Sir:

Please find the following enclosed documents:

1. Response to Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2005.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge and credit KRATON Polymers U.S. LLC Deposit Account No. 50-1951 for the fees necessitated with the filing of this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D B Holguin", with a checkmark at the end.

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Application Serial No.: 10/724,656

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Title: Solvent Based, Elastomeric  
Coatings with Lower VOC

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Dear Sirs:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED MARCH 23, 2005**

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 23, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 23, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of this response and allowance of the claims pending in this application for the reasons set forth below.

The Claims are the same as presented in the response dated February 14, 2005. The claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.